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Docket No: 1232-4445



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Applicant : Nakayama et al.  
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For : IMAGE SENSING APPARATUS

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following Response to Restriction Requirement. A petition and fee for a five month extension of time is enclosed herewith. No additional fees are believed due in connection with this Response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments which may be required for this paper to our deposit account no. 13-4500, order no. 1232-4445.

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REMARKS

The Restriction Requirement mailed on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2002 provides that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

"I. Claims 1-5 drawn to a flashlight control means for an electronic camera based upon the vertical sync pulse, classified in class 348, subclass 371.